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SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN VP WILL TOUR HORN AND SOUTHERN AFRICA

1. AHRAM "LEARNED" SEPTEMBER 9 THAT EGYPTIAN VP MUBARAK
WILL TOUR EIGHT AFRICAN COUNTRIES BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 15.
FIRST LEG WILL BE SWING OF SOUTHERN AFRICAN "FRONT LINE
STATES": TANZANIA, MOZAMBIQUE AND ZAMBIA. AHRAN LINKS
VISIT TO "REPEATED AGRESSIONS BY RHODESIA" ON THESE
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COUNTRIES AND CLAIMS THAT EGYPT HAS BEEN IN CONSTANT
CONTACT WITH THE BRITISH AND U.S. ON EFFORTS TOWARDS PEACEFUL
SETTLEMENT. MUBARAK'S TALKS WILL REPORTEDLY EXAMINE
COOPERATION BETWEEN "FRONT LINE COUNTRIES OF NORTHERN
AFRICA--EGYPT, SYRIA, JORDAN AND PALESTINE--" (SIC)
AND FRONT LINE COUNTRIES OF SOUTH.

2. SECOND PORTION OF VISIT WILL BE TO SOMALIA NAD
DJIBOUTI, "AFRICAN HORN FRONT LINE COUNTRIES." MUBARAK
WILL THEN FLY TO NIGER, CHAD AND SUDAN BEARING MESSAGES
FROM SADAT.

3. COMMENT: WE DOUBT THAT THERE MORE TO THIS VISIT THAN
MEETS THE EYE. EGYPT APPARENTLY MAKING RENEWED GESTURE
OF SOLIDARITY WITH SOUTHERN AFRICANS, ALTHOUGH IN MORE
DIRECT MANNER THAN BEFORE, PRESUMABLY IN CONNECTION
WITH GOE QUEST FOR FIRM SUPPORT ON MIDDLE EAST. AFRO-ARAB
SUMMIT LAST MARCH EXPLICITLY LINKED STRUGGLE FOR MAJORITY
RULE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND ARAB CAMPAIGN LIBERATE
TERRITORY OCCUPIED BY ISRAEL. OF COURSE, PLACING SYRIA,
JORDAN AND PALESTINE IN NORTH AFRICA ICING THE CAKE BIT
THICKLY.

4. FOR EGYPTIANS, MUBARAK'S STOPS IN CHAD AND SOMALIA
ARE MOST IMPORTANT PORTION OF VISIT. GOE GREATLY CONCERNED
WITH DEVELOPMENTS IN ETHIOPIA-SOMALIAN WAR AND WHAT MAY
BE DIMINISHING CHANCES FOR DECISIVE SOMALI VICTORY.
IN THAT EVENT, THEY HAVE REASON TO FEAR REINVIGORATED,
DEEPLY HOSTILE ETHIOPIAN REGIME ON BORDER OF SUDAN,
"EGYPT'S STRATEGIC DEPTH." GOE LIKELY TO BE FEELING
SOMEWHAT ISOLATED AND EXTENDED AT THIS MOMENT. IT
PRESSED HARD BUT UNSUCCESSFULLY FOR STRONG ARAB LEAGUE
SUPPORT FOR SOMALIA, BUT FAILED EVEN TO SECURE SUPPORT
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OF SAUDIS. AT SAME TIME, PROBLEMS WITH LIBYA, DIRECTLY
LINKED WITH SITUATION IN CHAD AND HORN, HAVE NOT GONE
AWAY.

5. EGYPT'S FRIENDS SEEM TO BE IN TROUBLE AND ARE PRESSING
FOR ASSISTANCE, BUT GOE MEANS SEVERELY LIMITED. VISITS
TO HORN AND "LIBYAN FRONT" COUNTRIES, THEREFORE, LIKELY
TO FOCUS ON ASSESSMENT OF SITUATION AND POLITICAL COORDIN-
ATION. FACT THAT PRESS REPORT FRAMED IN MILITARY TERMS,
HOWEVER, IS CLUE TO EGYPT'S SENSE THAT DANGERS ARE REAL.
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